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A Mission to Equip and Train Preachers Theologically

Introduction

The gospel is to be preached to all ethnic groups as the Lord commanded us in the Great Commission. We received a request from a certain pastor in country X in March this year to teach the Word in Nehemiah, to equip about 30 pastors. By the sovereign gracious hand of God and with fear and trembling, Angie and pastor left from the 4-14 Nov to minister the word of God in the midst of winter in a certain province in country x. We have not been there for 3 years as it was not advisable but the time has come for us to go again. There is a grave need for reformed bible lecturers in this land to build up local pastors in the reformed tradition and SHBPC is committed to support this aim, as the Lord enables us.

A conservative reformed Training centre Theological Equipping of the saints

After 6 hrs of flight and another 3 hrs travelling, we reached our destination. A group of house church preachers and church leaders were eagerly waiting. About 30 preachers gathered together for a 5-day theological course on the book of Nehemiah as arranged by a certain senior pastor here. They organise 3 to 4 courses a year with different lecturers teaching. They were fervent and receptive to the word of God. They have faced persecution last year but they continue their faithful service with prudence, by faith trusting in the Lord. Many of them come from the villages and some travelled 5 hrs to come for the training. We gave them some of our books and Chinese resources. Our materials were gratefully received as it is difficult for them to get such resources. Angie showed them 3 videos on our missions in Myanmar and India and another on SHBPC first anniversary. Summary notes on the book of Nehemiah were given to all as well. One unique event was that they celebrated Thanksgiving (as suggested by Angie) with the history of the pilgrim fathers who came on the Mayflower in Nov 1620 and landed in Plymouth, USA and the harvest winter that led to the death of half of the 10 pilgrims. However, the next year they were more prepared and with the help of the Indians, they had a bumper harvest which, led to the first thanks giving. They had quizzes and memory verses every day for 5 days and they all studied and did well with 2 of them receiving a book prize. So uphold them in much prayer as they have returned to their respective churches to serve the Lord in trying circumstances.

The second leg of our mission was to meet up with Pr Z and his wife in Province Y. This entailed a 4-hour journey which saw us crossing a road in a car, through 3 ft puddle of water. This is where we met up with preacher and his wife and their father family and shared the word to encourage his father in law especially over dinner. We also shared the Word to encourage them in their newly established house church of 15-20 people there. The next day, the preacher drove us for 4 hrs to another city where we also met up with a senior pastor and 2 preachers. They served in a house church here and we were asked to teach the word at night. 28 villagers' (and a few from the city as well) preachers gathered for a study of the book of Jude and we were greatly

encouraged by their fervent spirit in learning the word. They face serious persecution here but the pastor is not deterred. He carried on his ministry discreetly. The next morning, the preacher T drove us to climb a 2744m mountain together with good fellowship and exercise by the grace of God. We moved on to the final nearby city and met pastor A who is serving in a house church here. We had dinner with him and were updated on the latest circumstance where he is. He needs our prayers as he serves God in perilous times.

Conclusion

The divine great commission from our Lord to the church is for every believer to fervently support other fellow pastors in the ministry and then, shall the end come (Mt 24;14,28:18-20). We thank God for a fulfilling and safe mission trip these 10 days and by his sovereign grace, SHBPC contributed to the edifying of the saints there. We also ministered at the sabbath morning service at 9 am where pastor preached on the 4 spiritual looks in this reformed church of about 16 people. They were warm and receptive to the teaching and showed great oriental hospitality with fellowship lunch for all of us.

May our sovereign God preserve and protect his covenant people and let us pray for and support one another in the advancement of his kingdom and do our part in the furtherance of the gospel, while there is yet breath in our nostrils and time. To God be the glory.

Mission team Nov 2019

3 Needful Things to Do

I was meditating on Rom 12: 1-12 and was challenged by the word of God on both service to God and outreach to others .

To develop in your relationship with God and men, you need to prayerfully do the following

1. Grow in your love for God and his people and not the world and self This requires a commitment to seek God and to sincerely care for the well-being of others .A genuine concern for the well being of others especially those in the house hold of faith and not be engrossed in your own little world of just work, or computer games ,watching videos or secular movies and unhelpful leisure and other addictive pastimes only . Fight against the idols of your life that will challenge to take the place of Christ in your life . Make an effort to connect and pray often with and for others and visit the sick or elderly if necessary .2Cor 1;11

2. Guard your mind against unhelpful thoughts about people There will always be negative comments or gossip and talebearing being passed around that we need to watch against it that we do not easily believe or propagate that unfounded evil report against others .Satan attacks the mind with unedifying thoughts and mental habits. Do not also speak ill of others and seek the wisdom of the Lord to be careful and gracious with your words and actions . (Col 4:6,Eph 4;1,2)

3. Give your best in time and energy to prayer and understand his Word and to share the gospel and the word of life with others. Ask the question, What can I do for Christ today?

This is a spiritual discipline to develop and one of the best things you can do is to meditate on the word and to apply it and share it with others.

Read and study a relevant word of doctrine, comfort and encouragement and share it with someone in need . (Heb 10;24,25)
Ponder These and consider how you can apply it in your lives.

Jack Sin



Pastor John Barlow of Carmel BPC ministering the word at the prayer meeting



The lively Monday Bible study on Mark 12 at the home of Julie



Pray for the protection of the brethren in country X in their worship and witness for the Lord

Memory Verse

1 Thess 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Announcements

1. Rev Jack Sin speaks next Sunday on “Be Worthy of His Calling”. (2Thes 1:1-12)
2. Weekly Prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday 8pm at the home of sis Han Kin Kheng
3. Those who are coming for the 7 Dec outreach to Orange Valley Nursing Home from 2.30pm to 4.30pm please inform Dn Yue Kay by latest next Sunday.